

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08**  
**Joint Election Agreement**  
**For November 3, 2015 General Election**

**A RESOLUTION AND ELECTION ORDER BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BENBROOK, TEXAS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the General Election for City Council Members of the City of Benbrook, as set forth by the City of Benbrook Home Rule Charter, the Texas Election Code, and Resolution 2012-01 adopted January 19, 2012 is required to be held on November 3, 2015, at which time the voters will elect persons to fill the offices of Mayor, Place 1, Member of the Council, Place 3, Member of the Council, Place 5, and Member of the Council, Place 7 on the City Council of the City of Benbrook, Texas, with all places to be elected for two year terms, and;

**WHEREAS**, all of the City of Benbrook and its voting precincts are located within only the County of Tarrant; and

**WHEREAS**, by this Resolution, it is the intention of the City Council to adopt all requirements of an Election Order in accordance with state law, and authorize a contract with Tarrant County for joint election services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BENBROOK, TEXAS:**

- Section 1.** That a general election is hereby called to elect Mayor, Place 1; Member of the Council Place 3; Member of the Council Place 5; and Member of the Council Place 7 to serve until November 2017, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Such election shall take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2015, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Section 2.** Qualified persons may file as candidates for the General Election by filing an application with the City Secretary between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning July 25, 2015 (note: filing begins on a Saturday, but the office of the City Secretary is not required to be open on Saturday or Sunday; first date office shall be open is Monday, July 27, 2015) and ending not later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2015.
- Section 3:** The 2015 joint election agreement and contract between Tarrant County and the City of Benbrook will be forthcoming and the costs assessed to Benbrook will be in accordance to the total number of political subdivisions contracting with Tarrant County. An executable contract will be incorporated herein for all purposes hereby approved and the City Manager or his designee is

authorized to execute the contract. In the event of a conflict between this Resolution and the contract, the contract shall control.

**Section 4.** The Election Day polling places for this joint election are designated pursuant to Section 271.003 of the Texas Election Code, and the Council finds that the following locations can most adequately and conveniently serve the voters in this election, and that these locations will facilitate the orderly conduct of the election:

| <b>Polling</b>                 | <b>Location</b>  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Precinct<br>1009               | Western Hills High School<br>3600 Boston Avenue<br>Benbrook, TX 76116              |
| Precinct<br>1021               | City of Benbrook Municipal Complex<br>911 Winscott Road<br>Benbrook, TX 76126      |
| Precinct<br>1206               | Benbrook Fire Station<br>528 Mercedes Street<br>Benbrook, TX 76126                 |
| Precinct<br>1208, 1111<br>4480 | Restoration Family Church<br>10201 Jerry Dunn Parkway<br>Benbrook, TX 76126        |
| Precinct<br>1337               | Western Hills Church of Christ<br>8800 Chapin Road<br>Fort Worth, TX 76116         |
| Precinct<br>1339               | Fort Worth Country Day School<br>4200 Country Day Lane<br>Fort Worth, TX 76109     |
| Precinct<br>4230               | Bethel United Methodist Church<br>5000 Southwest Boulevard<br>Fort Worth, TX 76116 |
| Precinct<br>4630               | Agape Baptist Church<br>3900 Southwest Boulevard<br>Fort Worth, TX 76116           |

**Section 5:** The Presiding Election Judge and Alternate Presiding Election Judge shall be appointed by Tarrant County as indicated in the contract and authorized by Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.

**Section 6:** Frank Phillips, the Tarrant County Elections Administrator, ("Elections Administrator") is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the election as indicated in the contract.

Early voting by personal appearance in Benbrook will be on the following locations, dates, and hours:

### **Main Early Voting Locations**

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tarrant County Early Voting | Benbrook Community Center |
| 600 West Weatherford Street | 228 San Angelo Avenue     |
| Fort Worth, Texas 76102     | Benbrook, Texas 76126     |

The Order of Election will be amended at a later date to include early voting sites added due to joint elections with other political subdivisions.

**Section 7:** The Elections Administrator shall be responsible for the Early Voting applications and ballots. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to Frank Phillips, County of Tarrant, Elections Administrator, 2700 Premier Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111, not earlier than September 4, 2015 and not later than close of business on October 16, 2015, if delivered in person, and October 23, 2015 if delivered by mail. Early voting ballots shall be mailed to the Elections Administrator at the same address. The City Secretary is directed to forward applications and ballots he may receive to the Elections Administrator.

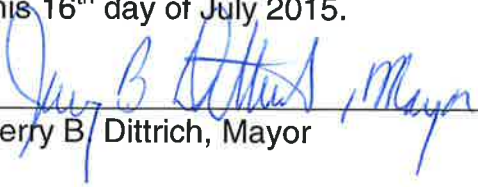
**Section 8:** All resident qualified electors of the City shall be permitted to vote at said election and, on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the Election Precinct in which they reside.

**Section 9:** All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials there for, and the employment of all election officials are hereby authorized, and shall be conducted in accordance with the contract and the Code.

**Section 10:** Should a runoff election be required following the canvass of the November 3, 2015 election, the Council hereby orders that a runoff election be held on December 8, 2015 with the early voting period from November 23, 2015 through December 4, 2015 with the exception of November 26 and November 27, 2015. The polling places on Election Day for the runoff election shall be at the same polling places as those of the original election, and the hours of voting shall be between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Section 11:** The Elections Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare a submission to the United States Justice Department to seek pre-clearance as required by law and as provided in the Legal Documents section of the contract.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Benbrook, Texas  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015.

  
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Jerry B. Dittrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Joanna King, City Secretary